

\$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905

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STEEL MARKET FIRM

Russian Strike Influence is Now Doubtful.

CANADA OUT OF THE MARKET

The Activity in the Pipe Trade is Resulting in an Advance That Has Now Reached \$1 a Ton—Structural Trade Weak.

New York, Feb. 2.—So far as fresh buying is involved, the markets generally speaking have been rather quiet during the past week, says the Iron Age. In the Pittsburgh district steel makers have not taken additional quantities nor is it certain that the leading interest will purchase any notable quantities at once. The market has been pretty thoroughly cleared up of speculative lots, only one small parcel of less than 3000 tons offered at a shade under prevailing prices having been sold.

Eastern steel makers have shown increased interest in supplying future wants and sales aggregating about 25,000 tons have been consummated for delivery to the end of the year. Negotiations for further lots are pending.

The steel market is narrow and strong in all the principal selling centers. Some of the rolling mills within moderate reach of tidewater have been testing the market for imported steel, but find conditions adverse and prices high even for drawback tonnage. The German coal strike in an uncertain factor in the international markets. The English markets are in a position to take care of requirements for the immediate future and show a disposition to do so at no marked rise in the price.

Reports from the steel rail makers are better than they were. In the west some further large orders have been placed. Chicago reporting about 50,000 tons additional, including 30,000 tons for a northern trans-continental line. It is reported that the south Chicago mill has booked an aggregate of 400,000 tons out of a total capacity of 750,000 tons. It is estimated that the mills in the pool now have about 1,000,000 tons on their books. Last year these mills shipped a little under 1,450,000 tons, which include Canadian and Mexican shipments, the official record of exports having been 240,000 tons. This leaves a little over 1,200,000 tons as the record of last year of this particular group of mills. Besides, they contributed the balance of the exports which aggregated 414,800 tons.

There is no hope whatever of selling to Canada this year under the Canadian tariff. Last year the exports to Canada were 216,200 tons; but, even taking into account that this business is less, the position of the rail mills is much better than the last year, which will go down into the history of the rail trade as the worst for a long period of years.

The activity in the merchant pipe trade has justified a further advance of \$1 a ton, and has brought about the placing of heavy orders for ship.

The structural and plate markets are quiet, no notable transactions having taken place.

FINES FOR GAMBLING.

Bill Introduced in the House Prohibiting Fines for Gambling.

To prevent licensing of gambling by municipal and county governments a bill has been introduced in the legislature. The bill aims to prevent the fine system which has been in force in Portland and Astoria. The custom being to collect \$25 from every gambling game in Astoria as bail and have the same forfeited in the police court. Following are the provisions of the bill:

"Every state, county, city or town of Astoria, or other person," runs the bill, "who shall ask for, receive or collect, in money or other valuable consideration, either for his own use or the public use, for and with the understanding that he will aid, exempt or otherwise assist any person from arrest or conviction for violation of sections 1944

CONDEMNS RATE LAW

President of Rock Island on Legislation.

SECRET REBATES UNASSAILED

Thinks the Obnoxious "Comeback" System Cannot Be Reached by Proposed Enactments in the National Congress.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—B. L. Winchell, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, has given out the following statement in regard to the proposed government regulation of freight rates:

"Aside from public utterances of various commercial organizations I have not found that there is any deep seated desire of business men in general for the establishment of a rate making power over the railroads.

"In discussing the question of rate supervision with many interested persons, I have not found one who did not admit, when pressed, that his real objection was to secret rebates. There is no relation between the two, but nearly everyone confuses them, and bases his demand for rate supervision on his objection to secret rebates which none of the proposed legislation can touch.

"The most important point of all is that those who have any real desire for a rate-making power at Washington are actuated by a desire for the commercial betterment of one town against that of another, and that desire can never be satisfied. Geography can't be made over, and no legislative power in Washington can ever have any authority that will enable us to change the map."

and 1855 (of the code), or who shall issue, deliver or cause to be given or delivered to any person or persons, any license, permit or other privilege, giving or pretending to give any authority or right to any person or persons, to carry on, conduct, open or cause to be opened, any game or games, which are forbidden by said sections 1944 and 1945 of Bellinger and Cotton's code and statutes of Oregon, or either of said sections, and such officer or officers who shall vote for the passage of any ordinance or by-law giving, granting or pretending to give or grant to any person or persons, any authority or privilege to open, carry on or conduct any game or games prohibited by said sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and shall be imprisoned in the county jail not less than 30 days nor more than six months."

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Of the Eighth Grade at the McClure School Building.

The eighth grade graduating exercises will be held in the McClure school building at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The program:

Instrumental solo....Wilmina Young
Essay—"The Seal Islands of the United States, Near Alaska"—

Robert Bremner
Essay—"Memory"—Gertrude Barker
Vocal Duet—

Maude Ross and Bertha Stevenson
Essay—"Irish Character,"—

Harry Henningson
Essay—"Japan,".....Kenneth Parker
Essay—"Why We Should Go to School"—.....Norman Anstenson

Vocal Solo.....Kathryn Shively
Essay—"A Chinese View of Western Peoples".....Clara Johnson

Essay—"Some Great Women of This Age".....Gayle Roberts
Instrumental Solo....Margaret Taylor

Essay—"Ways in Which a Philanthropist Might Spend Money Profitably".....Mary Gustafson

Essay—"The Advantage of an Education".....Florence Foster

Address to the class, Rev. L. D. Mahone
Presentation of diplomas—

J. P. Goodman, Chairman of Board

UNJUST CRITICISM

Published Yesterday in One of the Afternoon Sheets.

An unjust criticism was published in an evening paper last evening relative to Miss Todd, a teacher in the Adair school. Miss Todd had broken out with a rash, resembling scarlatina, but she had no other symptoms of the disease. The case was reported to City Physician Pilkington, who visited her at her residence and advised her to remain in her room awaiting further developments. She did so for several days, and not being sick, concluded the eruption was caused by something she had eaten, and went to her school yesterday morning. Dr. Pilkington learning of this, went to the school and advised her to return home. Mrs. Lemon very kindly took charge of her scholars and Miss Todd remained in the school room completing some work. Dr. Pilkington informed Mrs. Lemon that there was no necessity of fumigating the room, and that neither she or any of the scholars had been exposed. Miss Todd did not refuse to go home, and had no intention of violating any of the rules or laws of the sanitary regulations. She is an earnest worker and enthusiastic in her endeavors to perform her duties, and being examination week, was desirous of completing her work.

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\$5.50 for all wool suits in a variety of colors. Broken lots. Sizes 34 to 42. Worth \$10 to \$12.
\$8.50 double and single breasted suits in very choice styles of tailor-made worth up to \$15.
\$11.50 for extra fine suits, tailor made, single or double breasted, worth up to \$20.
\$14.50 for imported materials, fine dress suits, in all styles, worth up to \$20.

OVERCOATS

There are many grades that we cannot mention, but you can save 1-3 to 1-2 on any of them.
\$6.50 for a lot of broken sizes worth to \$12.
\$13.50 for choice of a very elegant lot of choice overcoats worth to \$22.

PANTS

Hundreds of pairs to choose from.
\$1.40 for pants worth up to \$2.50.
\$2.40 for pants worth up to \$4.50.
\$3.40 for pants worth up to \$6.00.

Young Men's Suits

We will put an alteration sale on about 20 styles that will clear them out.
\$4.50 for odd lots carried over from last season, all colors, worth \$10.
\$8.50 for several styles to extra fine single and double breasted suits, worth to \$15.

Knee Pants Suits

\$1.50 for a splendid lot worth up to \$2.50
\$2.75 for an extra good lot worth up to \$4.50.
\$3.75 for special lot, 2 pairs pants, worth \$6.

SHOES

\$1.35 for a lot of odd pairs, worth to \$2.50
\$1.75 for a lot of extra good, worth to \$3.
\$2.50 for splendid lot of heavy shoes, worth to \$3.50.

HATS

We will sell you a hat if style and low prices will do the work.
\$1.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$2.50.
\$2.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$3.50.
\$3.00 Contract hat, standard price. We can't cut this, but we give the choice of any tie or suspenders in the house to worth 75c with each Hawes Hat.

Furnishing Goods

A hundred more bargains that we can't find room to mention.
35c for grades of 50 and 60c underwear.
65c for wool merino and Balbriggan \$1 Underwear.
85c for select wool and English Balbriggan \$1.50 underwear.
\$1.15 for lambswool and French balbriggan underwear.

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25c for a big lot 50c and 75c stiff shirts.
35c for golf, negligee and black sateen 50 to 65c shirts.
55c for a golf and negligee select style \$1 shirt.
85c for choice of all Monarch \$1.25 shirts
5c for 10c sox.
8c for 15c sox.
12 1-2c for 20c sox.
17c for 30c sox.

SUSPENDERS

5c for an odd lot dumb web 15c suspenders.
15c for choice of all fine 25c suspenders.
25c for choice of fine suspenders worth to 50c.
35c for choice of all extra fine suspenders worth 75c.
5c for boy's 10c stockings.
12c for 20c stockings, double sole and heel.
10c for four-in-hand silk 25c ties.
37c for choice of all neckware worth to \$1.00.

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